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2. (Confidential - JMM) After talking to Bruce Clarke, D/OSR, about the request of Richard Perle, on the staff of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, I called Perle to say that we really couldn't give him any very useful estimates of the cost to the Soviets of pursuing various options of their missile programs. I recalled that we had briefed Perle last May on these subjects, and said we couldn't add much to what was covered at that time. Perle said he appreciated the problem, but it was nevertheless of vital importance in connection with U.S. decisions regarding SALT. I said we would keep this in mind.

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